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RESPONSE UNDER RULE 111

Sir:

The present Amendment responds to the Office Action dated October 2, 2008. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered and the claims considered in light of the arguments set forth herein. A petition for a one-month extension for response accompanies this amendment in a separate paper filed herewith.

Amendments to the Specification - none.

Amendments to the Claims - none

Amendments to the Drawings - N/A

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.